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### Elder Abuse Task Force Bills Appear Set to Advance

*Two of the Four Bills Pass Senate Committee; Scheduled for Senate Vote on Tuesday*

**Madison, WI** – Two bills developed by former Attorney General Brad Schimel’s Elder Abuse Task Force are scheduled for a vote in the Wisconsin State Senate on Tuesday. Authored by Senator Patrick Testin (Stevens Point) and Representative John Macco (Ledgeview), the bills would increase penalties for abusers and improve accommodations for the elderly in trial settings.

“Abusers must be held accountable, and justice should be served swiftly,” said Senator Testin. “My hope is that Tuesday’s vote will take us one step closer to making those ideals a reality.”

Rep. Macco added that he looked forward to the vote in the Senate, and anticipated a swift process in the Assembly as well.

“These bills will help deter abusers from taking advantage of our loved ones and make necessary changes to ensure our elderly have appropriately efficient court proceedings. The need for these bills remain urgent and I look forward to their full passage.”

Both bills cleared the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety last week with broad bi-partisan support.

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